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1. On 13 April 1954, jeeps drivers with red-bordered black epaulets were seen parked in front of the former Kreisgericht (district court) building in St. Poelten (O 49/W 88), which was guarded by a sentry with black-bordered red epaulets. Another jeep and 2 sedans were parked on the parking lot of the installation. Some soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets, 2 pontoon carriers, 1 amphibian jeep, and 2 tank trucks were observed in the Eugen Kaserne. Soldiers were unloading round timber from truck driver with black-bordered black epaulets. Twelve sidecar motorcycles each occupied by three men left the Rainer Kaserne, in whose yard 9 trucks and 1 tank truck were parked. About 30 soldiers practiced marching and about 15 other soldiers maintained at least 5 x 82-mm mortars in a garage of the installation. Eighteen soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets did gymnastics in the yard of Franz Josef Kaserne. Motor vehicles at the gate of the installation, which was guarded by a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Included sedan truck trucks drivers with red-bordered black epaulets; amphibian jeep B 8-87-57, weapon carrier and truck , drivers with black-bordered black epaulets; and truck E 3-00-50, driver with black-bordered red epaulets. Two T-34/85 tanks, 1 truck and 3 tank trucks were observed in the section of Camp Spratzern occupied by tank troops. This section of the camp was guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets. Fresh imprints of tank tracks were observed near the gate. Nine trucks and 2 weapon carriers were parked in the camp area. An aiming device representing a moving air target was at the western edge of the installation. Motor vehicles at the camp included jeep all drivers with red-bordered black epaulets. Local residents said that no troops had departed from St. Poelten as yet.

2. On 14 April 1954, 28 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, who carried rifles and were led by a sergeant wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, left the Birago Kaserne in Melk (O 49/W 68), which was guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets. Two gun barrels were observed in a garage. Trucks , all drivers with red-bordered black epaulets, and jeep driver with red-bordered black epaulets, which was occupied by 1 lieutenant colonel and 2 majors, all of them with red-bordered black epaulets, were seen at the installation.

 Comment. The present information agrees with previous reports on troops stationed at St. Poelten and Melk. The motor vehicle belong to the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. Another report, dated 5 April, tends to indicate that the 284th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt from Eisenstadt already arrived at the Doellersheim troop training grounds.

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